Facilities provided to families of deceased defence personnel

1103. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: V'ffl the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Indian Army personnel killed on duty during 1999;

(b) the details of facilities being provided to their families;

(c) whether facilities are given at par to all the families or there is any discrimination;

(d) if there is any discrimination, the manner in which their families get facilities;

(e) the rate of family pension;

(f) the gratuity amount paid to the families; and

(g) whether the educational facilities are also being extended to the children of the deceased personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) (i) Battle Casualty — 983 (ii) Other than battle Casualty — 1405 Total — 2388

(b) to (g) A statement is attached.

Statement

Battle casualty	Casualties other than battle casualty	
(I) Liberalised Family Pension*	(I) Special **family pension:***	
Widow: Liberalised family pension equal to the reckon able emoluments last drawn by the deceased. Pension at this rate is payable to the widow in the case of officers and to the nominated heir in the case of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) until death or disqualification on account of remarriage with a person other thar the real brother of the deceased. On remarriage with any other person, widow is given ordinary family pension and children are given education allowance.	**(a) if the widow is childless**	
	Reckonable Emoluments (i) 1 Sot exceeding 1500/- Rs.	**Rate of Special Family pension (p.m.)** 50% of reckonable emoluments 40% of reckonable emoluments subject to a minimum of Rs. 750/
	(ii) Exceeding Rs. 1500/- but not exceeding Rs. 3000/-	30% of reckonable emoluments subject to a minimum of **Rs.** 1200/- and Maximum of Rs. 8235/-
	(iii) Exceeding Rs. 3000/-	

*Revislon of Liberalised Family Pension and Special Family Pension award Is under consideration as per recommendations of V Central Pay Commission.

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Children: If the personnel is not survived by widow but is survived by child/children only, in addition to Special Family Pension at the prescribed rates (ranging between 30%-60% depending on the pay drawn by the deceased), children education allowance at the rate of Rs. ISO/- p.m. per child in the case of officers and at the rate of Rs. 100/- p.m. per child in the case of PBORs is also paid. Parents: Where an officer dies as a bachelor or as a widower by the deceased officer for duties both parents and at 34 of this rates for a single parent. On the death of one parent, dependent pension at the latter rate is admissible to the surviving parent. In the absence of wife and children, pension at the prescribed rates is admissible to the parents of the deceased.	**(b) In case of widow having children.** In all cases 60% of reckonable Emoluments subject to a minimum of Rs. 750/- and Maximum of Rs. 9000/- **(II) Death Gratuity**: Subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.5 lakhs **Ex-gratea:** Death occurring Rs. 5.00 Lakhs due to accidents in the course of performance of

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(II) Death Gratuity: Less than one year service—2 month's reckonable emoluments. Between 1—5 years service—6 month's reckonable Emoluments. Over 5 years, But below 20 Years service—12 month's recknoable Emoluments. 20 years or more service—One aionth's pay for every completed year of service subject to a maximum of 33 months or Rs. 3.5 lakh, which-ever is less. **Family Gratuity:** Family Gratuity ranging between Rs. 450/- & Rs. 1600/- for lunior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) and Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 16000/- for Officers, depending on rank.	**Death under normal circumstances**: Ordinary Family Pension—calculated at a uniform @ 30% of reckonable emolument subject to a minimum of Rs. 1275/- p.m. and maximum of 30% of the highest pay applicable to Armed Forces personnel. **DCRG**—depending on the length of qualifying service and subject to a maximum of 33 times of the monthly reckonable emoluments. The maximum ceiling is Rs. 3-5 lakhs.

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(III) Ex-gratia Award: (Rs. in lakhs) (i) Death occurring in the course of performance of duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, antisocial elements etc.—Rs. 5.00 (ii) Death occurring during (a) border skirmishes (b) action against militants, terrorists, extremists etc.—Rs. 7.50 (iii) Death occurring during enemy action in international war or such like engagements which are specifically notified by the MOD.—Rs. 10.00 (w.e.f. 1.5.99)	**(III) Ex-gratia Award (Rs. lakhs)** Death occurring due to accidents in course of performance of duties—Rs. 5.00
(IV) Leave Encashment—Maximum 300 days depending upon the number of years of service.	**(IV) Leave Encashment**—Maximum 300 days depending upon the number of years of service.
(V) Army Group Insurance Benefits As per entitlement	**(V) Army Group Insurance Benefits** As per entitlement
(VI) Assistance from National Defence Funds (for Kargil casualty only-between 1.5.1999 to 31.10.1999) (i) Rs. 5.00 lakhs for dwelling unit	

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(ii) Rs. 1.00 lakh per child for education upto two children per family.	
(iiii) Rs. 1.20 lakhs for needy parents who were dependent on the deceased soldiers.	
(VII) Assistance from Army Central Welfare Funds:	
Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- to each living NOK of all battle casualty during the period from 15.8.1947 to 30.4.1999.	
Ex-gratia grant of Rs. 30,000/- to each living NOK of all battle casualty w.c.f. from 1.5.1999.	

Commercial use of land Meant for Armed Forces

1104. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have large area of land in major cities like Delhi, Secunderabad, Mumbai for the use of armed forces;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not put this land to commercial use to enhance income for the armed forces;

(c) whether any assistance has been given to various organisations associated with the defence forces for assisting the widows and dependents of service personnel; and

(d) what are the details of Government's plan to properly